been let on contract and these are done by the contractor under Government supervision.

(2) The amount varies according to the increase or decrease in the rentals and in the consumption of arrack. The net gain on an average will be 3½ lakhs.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this amount of 3½ lakhs after taking the distillery charges?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is that amount?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rs. 3,400.

Committee relating to Management of Aided Schools.

44. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Committee mentioned as No. 13 in Appendix 4 in answer to Question No. 490 of the Legislative Session of 1106 was constituted;

(b) what led to the appointment of the Committee;

(c) what were the points of reference to the Committee;

(d) what was the Committee's report?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) On 26th August 1929.

(b) As the result of a resolution passed by the Cochin Teachers' Association at its second General Assembly held at Ernakulam in 1104.

(c) To take evidence in camera and suggest ways and means to put a stop to the corrupt practices reported to be existing in some aided schools.

(b) The Committee's report was that corrupt practices were prevalent in certain aided schools regarding the payment of the salaries of teachers, the appointment of teachers, the marking of attendance and the marking of false attendance of Depressed Class pupils and sending in bills for the supply of clothes, school requisites, etc., to them.

Measures to combat Economic Depression.

45. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have taken any measures to combat economic depression in the State?

(2) If so, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(2) Yes.

(2) Vide D. P. C. No. 1772/1106, dated 24th January 1931 and 11th March 1931, appended. (*Appendix I*).

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Last part of Appendix (b). Will the Government be pleased to tell me what was the price of paddy at the time of the last settlement?

Rao Sahib Mr. T.V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—4 annas 7 pies.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the market price?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The market price was calculated for 20 years at an average of 4 annas 7 pies.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My question is what was the market price at the time of settlement.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Some thing like 6 annas. I think it was 6 annas.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the Government know that the cost of cultivation has increased subsequent to that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might have been.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they also know that there was a corresponding decrease in the cost of cultivation and fall in price of paddy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't quite follow the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they know that there is a fall in the price of paddy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they also know that there is a fall in the cost of cultivation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

46. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to give relief to the middle and low class land-holders in view of the various representations they have received about the alarming depression of the times that has evoked international clemencies;

(a) by annulling in whole or in part their debts to the extent of the accummulated interest either by general proclamation or by the constitution of a tribunal to Judge the merits of each case;

(b) by stopping fresh suits and execution proceedings until the dawn of economically easy times or asking the courts to show greater indulgence to judgment-debtors;

(c) by remissions in any of the demands the Government are making on them;

(d) by re-considering the position the Government have been pleased to take with regard to kuries and land revenue?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) to (d). Vide answer to Question No. 45 regarding measures taken to combat economic

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